Application No. 10/542,157 Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending, and all but claim 4 have been cosmetically amended to place them in better form for U.S. examination.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on March 8, 2006, objects to the absence of claims 10 and 11 from the Listing of Claims included in the Preliminary Amendment that was filed on July 11, 2005.

The undersigned has been informed that the foreign and International counterparts of this application have always had mis-numbered claims and have not included any claims 10 and 11.

Accordingly, this Response re-presents the claim amendments that were made by the Preliminary Amendment filed on July 11, 2005, and re-numbers claims 12-19 as claims 10-17. The dependencies of the re-numbered claims have also been appropriately adjusted.

The Office will note that the Preliminary Amendment amended the specification to include the priority and benefit claims of this application.

Favorable consideration is respectively solicited. If the Examiner has any questions, the undersigned attorney may be telephoned at the number given below.

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